(iii) A Central Checking Team conducts periodic checking of police stations and other police establishments in order to prevent illegal detention, illegal use of handcuffs, non-registration and minimization of offences etc.

(iv) Senior Police officers of the rank of DCPs and ACPs visit police stations regularly for attending to and removing the grievances of public on the spot.

(v) In all police stations a separate area has been earmarked. It has been named 'Sankraman Kaksha'. It has been located in the vicinity of Reporting Room and SHOs Room. Investigating Officers have directions to examine suspects and witnesses in 'Sankraman Kaksha' only. No member of the public is allowed to go, or be taken, to any other room of the police station for questioning.

(vi) The Investigating Officers are being briefed by their Senior Officers to desist from use of 3rd degree methods.

(vii) Instructions have been issued to all the concerned not to keep drunkards, drug addicts and injured persons at police stations. The police has directions to take them to Hospital, etc.

Orange Cultivation

4734. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote orange cultivation in the country;

(b) whether any extension centres have been established to assist the farmers to grow oranges; and

(c) if so, the places where these centres have been set up?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) During 8th Plan, Government of India has lauched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Integrated Development of Fruits' under which assistance is being provided for establishment of nurseries for producing quality planting material, area expansion, improving productivity, demonstration, and training of farmers, to promote cultivation of fruits which also includes oranges. In addition, assistance is being provided for installation of drip irrigation system and mulching etc. under the scheme 'plastic in Agriculture'.

(b) and (c) Extension Services are being provided by the State Department of Horticulture/Agriculture. Besides, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is also providing technical know-how through its Centres *viz.* National Research Centre on citrus at Nagpur (Maharashtra), Tinsukia (Assam Chethalli (Karnataka), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh) & Bhatinda (Punjab).

[Translation]

Funds for Agriculture Development

4735. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Central Assistance allocated/ released to each State for the development of agriculture during the year, 1997-98 as compared to the year 1996-97;

(b) whether this amount is higher than that of the last year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) An amount of Rs. 555 crore was released to the States by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for development of agriculture during the year 1996-97 till December, 1996. State wise details are given in the statement attached.

During 1997-98, funds would be released to States under various Central/Centrally Sponsored Scheme based on the proposals received from the State Government, total allocation in the budget of the Department and the amount remaining unutilised in a particular State out of earlier releases made.

Statement

Funds Released for the Development of Agricultrue during the year 1996-97

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	Name of State	Amount Released during 1996-97 (upto Dec. 1996)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	57.29
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.79
3.	Assam	1.76
4.	Bihar	4.15
5.	Goa	1.30
6.	Gujarat	23.93
7.	Haryana	13.61